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"Every child deserves to be the best they can be"

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am writing to you regarding the next steps in our planning **if we are safe to open** to more children on Wednesday June 3rd.

Your child has been allocated a place under Phase 1 of our wider Re opening strategy. We will be organising in great detail, the drop off times, session times, lunch time arrangements and collection times and will create a very detailed 'Parent handbook' which all parents MUST agree to follow before their child can attend. This will be sent to parents before June 3rd.

The Parent Handbook will be extremely detailed, however some of the key principles we will be applying are;

- Staggered drop off and collection times
- Before and After school provision open only to children of critical key workers
- Group size will start at 6 children per classroom and may increase to 15 when deemed safe to do so per classroom with strict social distancing and safety measures in place at all times
- Casual, sports clothing to be worn by pupils and staff, fresh clothes daily
- One way or zoned systems for movement around the school
- Strict hand washing and toilet routines
- School will not be open to pupils on a Friday to enable staff to take statutory Planning and Preparation time, plan for those children who are accessing home learning and attend team meetings. This will also be the time that the weekly 'deep clean' of the school takes place.
- Any child accessing BASC will remain in a mixed age child care bubble for the duration of the day – this is childcare only
- Children to spend as much time as possible outdoors, therefore clothing will need to reflect this.
- Weekly review of risk assessments and adjustment of practice where necessary.
- All equipment washed daily
- No soft furnishing or shared equipment

We know that in order to be safe, school will look very different to the familiar place your child left and therefore will be doing lots of work on supporting your child to feel safe and secure, follow safe routines and understand social distancing. We understand that school closing for essential reasons on a Friday may be inconvenient for some parents but this is the only way we can meet all requirements.

Please complete the survey which has been sent to you so that we can map out the date and time of sessions to effectively plan so that all arrangements are as safe as possible.

Best wishes and stay safe,

S. Moran

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Deputy Executive Principal
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